Newes come

lately frō Pera, of two moſt mighti Armies as wel of Fotemē as of Horſemē, trāſlated out of Italien, to Frēche and ſo into Engliſhe. And firſt of the great Duke of Moſcouia & of the Scithy, And ỳ othere of an Hidiewe people neuer ſpoken of before, ſoūdē not lōg ago comming from ỳ Mountaines called Caſpij, with a newe inuencīō of Weapons, with ỳ nomber of ỳ Squadrons, and with the names of two Earles & Capitayns. And the cauſe whi ỳ great Turk hath forbydē wyne, with many other newes neuer hard of.

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After ꝑ particuler thinges alleged in mi writynge, to your lordship, I thought it good and conuenient by this my letter to aduertise you singularelie of certayne great, horrible, & fearefull thinges that are reported in this quarter. In the other letter that I wrote vnto your lordship I shewed you the pompe and great triumphe at the presentinge of the capitaine of the sea, vnto the great Turke, The misery and vnhappines of the poore prysoners. The discorde and contention that came by the fanne of ꝑ Vice Roy of Naples, beinge prisoner. The threatninges made to the Christians. The receiuinge of the ambassadours of the Sophy. The pompes, tryumphes, & intertaynementes made vnto the, and yet dissembled inough with mocking one the other, at their departing.

The presents giuen. The gotte of ꝑ great Turke a Huntinge, & all other thinges writen at large, as more ꝑticularlie apeareth of your lordship. But I sayd in another letter of mine I told you of the preparation of the Emperor of Persia to haue a prouinciall Triumphe of this Turke & howe ꝑ chaunged sodainly euen in a moment [illegible] a mourninge for to take the

thinges I disdayne(bi a great mortalite and death, which was so much the worse because yt begane in the beginnyng of Somer. There happened also afterward i the same towne (paradue ture neuer the lyke) to were, a great continuall derth of al thinges. A horrible and fearfull chaunce whiche was vpō the Sea called Mare Maius, the losse of the great multitud of shippes the sorow of the great Turke for the prohibicīō of wine to his losse and hindrance more thā a hundreth and fifty thousand Ducates. The cruelty vsed toward a Turk that had dronk wine puttynge him to death by powringe molten Leade into his throte. The dryuing out of two sores of this towne The prohibicīō and forbydding that no Christiā being maried, may dwell there, the defence that no Turke shal were any Beard. Al ỳ which things eyther causeth a great wondering, se re[illegible]sorow, so that mē say that the gre[illegible]che causeth, or ỳ he do the yt for h[illegible]s, to the intent that his sōne Selim returning these forsaid thin ge[illegible]s him (myght get the fauours of the Genissaries. I haue discoursed this, and can yet make rehersal of ma ny thinges vpon these matters

thinges

thing of greater impoꝛtãce dyd pluck me away from it, and so I leue it of. But now men shal vnderstãd at this tyme the greatest, the most wõderful & most horrible thinge that euer was herde of. The which partly hath so troubled ỹ greate Turke. and al the reste, that they haue left of al other affaires, to pꝛouyde foꝛ the perill & danger that at this time hangeth ouer their heade & carieth them. Newes are come that the kyng of Spayne maketh a greate armye, which shal haue foꝛ his ayde ỹ Galeys of Gene of Malte, of Flozẽce of Naple, & of many other Pꝛinces of chꝛistendome. And they say moꝛeouer that the king of France will helpe therin, and that the most part of Chꝛistẽ Pꝛynces will come and ayde hym in this enterpꝛice, except the most noble state & Signoꝛie of venyce which medeleth nothing at all it. These repoꝛters of newes affirme that there shall moꝛe thẽ a hundꝛeth galeys, besyde other Barkes Shippes and Hulkes wyout nõber, which is occasion that thet hath the aduyce the moꝛe. The whiche thyng notwithstandyng men esteme not so much as the ware that is made beyond the Mountaynes, as you shal vnderstand not wythout gret wonde

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ring at it. The Tartares make freen
des vpon the greter sea & haue made
a leage and frendshippe with ỳ great
Turke, requiringe ayde, for they are
molested with warre by ỳ gret duke
of Moscouia, and prince of Sagodie,
of Pagoze, of Smaregye, of Dzollye,
of Gazam, of Virgaloran, of Tertar-
rie, of cham, of Birracham, latelye ge
ten of the Circassiens, and of diuers
other people and regions lyenge to-
ward the South. They say that this
emperour or duke hath two wyues,
and is called Zbon Dwarsilo, a yong
mã of the age of xxiiii. yeares, noble
and valiaunt, and a chrystiã after the
institucion of the Grekes, and presu-
meth that by reason of his blonde the
empire of Constãtinople doth belõg
to him. And these two armies are a-
bout a two hundred thousand horse.
They were not wont in time past to
be so stronge, nor so feared of ỳ Tur-
kes, for they had not the vse of artilla-
rie in the warre. But now they haue
marvaylous great preparatiõ likely
warre. He hathe in wages certayne
Duch capiteynes. And about a ten
thousand master gonners, & is mer
uelous well furnished with harkebu
les & artillery. And because me vnder
stand that he hath to dooe ỳ Tartari-
ans

es & brought them to such a state that the cã not much moze resist him. And that if ỹ sayde Moscouites shoulde be maisters ouer ỹ Tartares the shoulde consequentli be rulers of the greater sea, & the way should be opẽ and easy for them to come, not only to Constãtinople, but also to dryue ỹ turke out of Europe. And because that the said great Turke is assured of this enterprysle and commocõ of the Greekes, he hath concluded & determined, to sẽd to they sayd Tartares a good ally staunce of fiftene thousand fightinge men. & also for this purpose he hathe sent to the sea, tẽ galeyes to passe thẽ ouer. Men make mencõ and dought of Põdarcio, which is a great prince and rular, & able to make fourscore or a hundred thousand horse. And yet mẽ are vncertaine whose part he will take, because he is tributari vnto the great Turke. Ther is newes also frõ Affrica, that the king of Bugien, the king of Tramece, the king of Tunis the chiltzen of Serif. The lorde of Murocho & of Gran with the Arrabians and other haue takẽ in hãd to dryue and expulse the turke holy out of Affrica, and to endomage the sayd turke as much as the may. Mẽ know not well yet in what place they will warre, But we al know it shortely

The newys also is that ỳ Sophy is in Campe with a great army, and hath the Medes to helpe him which border vpon the Caspian Sea, and of on side neighbour to ỳ Hyrcãs, called at this daye Cozerans and Necotans, with whõ he hath made a League & peace. And ther are on hys syde also the Iberians, and Albanians, and also the people of Melibar whych border vpõ the Indians, and likewise with the king of Bolphorus, all beyng people merueilous swift & nymble. In this so mighty an host and armie is also Baicey ỳ sõne of the great Turke, By meanes wherof, all in those partes is in grate trouble, as well as here, It seemeth ỳ the Genyzaryes bring hym the lot of Turki, as Baduget, Hermonia, Alepo, and al the Region lyeng nere to ỳ Sophe is reuolted, Al the which particularites shalbe vnderstode more at large. This newes is great, and hath made ỳ great Turke to muse inough vpõ it. But aboue all these maruelus and dreadfull newes which ar happened ther is yet chaũced another whichhath fered & a bashed generally all me which nevertheleſſe seemeth to be incredible. And yet it is most certaine & that is, that a people here to fore vnknowen

knowen, mygbty, swifte, and meruelous nymble, hath taken weapō i hād to the dyladuantage & losse of ye howse of Ottoman. They say that Alexāder the great did i tyme past ouyue beyōd the Mountayne Caspe nyne trybes & a halfe of the Hebrewes with woythipes the Calfe and Serpēt of gold, and dzaue them a waye, ý neuer sins there was no newes of them, nether knewe any man yf thei were in the woylde oz not. But bycause the sea of Sand oz ý sandy sea, By a certaine incōuenīēce of sād Grauell oz Beche, swelled and rose so bigh ý it vtterly toke from thē the wai into this our regiō. But now by the meane of the newe Nauigacīō that the Spaneardes haue made, thei ar arised in their country, and haue espied out al their doynges. And after that the said Spaniardes had instructed and taught them they science and knowledge of artyllerye, & gon poulder foz Harkebuses & Dagges wher vnto there hozses ar maruelous apt & ready, the are berō in al thinges berye parfyt. After this, the egged them foz ward to take weapon in hand and to passe ý sayde Mountayne by land. And bycause the sea of sand & the sandy sea dyd hynder th[illegible] passage, it appereth

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ÿ some Spaniard or Italien, which
yet men know not, but not withstan
ding, some great Astrologian or Cos
mographer taught thē ÿ way makig
some hill playne with ÿer, so that the
made thē selues a way ouer ÿ ÿer,
which is a thig of great wonder. Now these
peple haue two mighty great armies
& infinite victuals, they coūtrey beig
very fertyle & fruitful, & also almaner
of prepoȝacīō for warre, & there are
Spaniardes amōg them so wel exer-
cised in the feate of Artillerye, as hād
gōnes and dagges, that is a wonder.
And they saye, that they wyll come &
recouer ÿ lande of promise, toward
the which the first armi is already be
ri nere, not without great terroȝ and
dȝead of euery man, which hath bene
sene of dyuers & nombȝed, and final-
ly repoȝt to the great turke, bothe the
number and quātitee as you shal vn-
derstand here folowing.

The spies say, not only one, but ma-
ny, that would see and vnderstand al
thinges, that the Saugiatari whiche
boȝder vpon them & are their neigh-
bours wȝyte & testifie, that beyde a
hundȝed and two armyes ther folow
other infinite people, as wel fotemen,
as hoȝsemen, and ÿ first armye is al-

ready

redy arrayed vpon the walles & bor-
ders of the Turkes, and prest to fire
and swoorde. And their langage is ba-
stard Ebrew. And because me speake
of it much heare: I will not forget to
speake also some thing therof worthi
to be noted, and wel vnderstode. The
Hebrewes of Constãtinoble saye that
ther be certayne prophesies amõg
the Iewes the one maketh mencion
that from the lower parte of ỹ world
shall ryse a people and come ito Gog
& Magog, and then shall appeare (as
they perswade them selues ther Mes-
sias in might and power, & then they
shall haue dompnyon and rule in the
world, wherof they secretly reioyce &
are wonderous glad. They say more
ouer that ther is a Prophesie graué
i a pillar set at Podzomo, which saith
thus. A mighty prince shall rise,
whose beginning shall be of small re-
putacion, but he shall ware of suche
force and strengthe (with the helpe of
god (that he shal bring to nothing the
empire and rule of Ottoman, & shall
be the righte possessour and inheryt-
our of ỹ empire of Constantinoble.
And the beleue [illegible] be this Em
perour [illegible], which is

all

ati ready in great estymacion among the Grecians. The Turkes haue apro phetes which thei sying al waies in weepping bytterly, which betokeneth & denounceth vnto the their vtter ruin and destruccio. And al though it seme strage to say ỳ the Turkes haue pro phetes, it is no meruayle: For Balam was a false Prophete. The Sybilles prophesied & were Paganes. For all these causes the great Turk hath forbydden wyne, and wyll that almē go fiue tymes in a day to the Moschea, & pray to god for their helth and saftie. And so he prepareth .3. great Armyes on a gaynst the Polconites, another againe the Soffy, and the third for to go agaynsse the Hebrewes of ỳ Nou raynes of Caspit. Within these fewe dais you shal haue other news, wher fore this making an ende I commende me vnto your good grace from Pera the fyrst daye of of Marche. 1561. your faythfull and trusty seruant, Andrew Ben accorso.

The descripcion of the fyrst Armye of the Ebrewes.

Fyrst of all of ꝑ tribe of Ruben a kyng of very great stature of swethi colour, more red thē otherwyse, withe browde eies, called Lozoam, is ... ... capitaine general of al the Armyes which leadeth vnder hys Ensaigne twelue thousand Horse & fyfe thousand fote men. The horsemen are Armed after ayght sort but verie good Harnese almost after our facīō. The cari long launces of long redes very hard and ryght, so sharp pointed that the passe thorowe a thing so ligh tely that it is incredable. The cary shyld or Targetes of bone, & in stead of swordes certayne Courtiaxes. They are aparayled with the colour of ther ensaigne, and al clothed with Sylke. The fote mē carry Pykes of the same sorte with Helmet & Habergyn. Their Ensaigne is of black silk & blewe, with a Dogge folowinge a Hart or Bucke and a sayeng wryten in it which is in our tong eyther quyke or deade.

ii. Of the Trybe of Gad.

Here is one called Fares whyche is an Erle, younge and valyaūt, not regardyng this p̄sente lyfe. This man hathe fiftene hundred horsemen armed lightly onely on the forepart and head peece: but this armure is so well tempered and wrought that it kepeth out alance and harquebusshotte.

This manner of arminge them selfe the p̄yncc, to the intent the maye neuer turne ther backe to runne away. The bane also fiers and light horses. There are eyghtene thousand foote men appareled with a kynd of sodde leather, of the skyn of a certayne beast, so that no pike nor hargebushe can perse it. These me are beastly people which wyl neuer fly for any thinge, and are very obedyent and subiect vnto ther p̄yncc, they are appareled in silke. And the eleigne is a falcon pecking or byllynge with another birde with a sentence that saieth. Ether thine or mine shal breake.

Of

THere is a Marquisse of galasir called Goocs. Thys man leadeth fyftene hundred men at armes, which be all excedyngly well armed, stoute, stroge, and robust men. Their horses be morryskes, the greatest the strongest, the fayrest, and the beste that be in the worlde. There are also seuentene thousand souldyars very well ordred and apoynted with lance & Harquebuse. Their Enseine or armes is a red field with a mayde clothed in greene, holdynge a lyon in her hande, and bathe these wordes I hope to subdue a greater thynge.

iiii. Of the tribe of Neptalym.

THer is a duke of Falach, called Obeth, who hath vnder his conduct xx. thousand footmen armed with a cerrayne metal lyke yron but it is lighter & hard. They haue mani good swordes, lances and other force Harquebuses and wilde iars. Their Enseigne or armes is a Mermayd in a blacke feeld, & thei deuise thus. Mysinging shall not ceasse vntyl death.

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The deſcripcion of the

.V. Manalles.

Of ỹ Tꝛybe of Monalles
ther is a Captayn calle
Natiſon which hath vn
der hym. rr. thouſãd me
apointed & armed with ỹ
ſkine of a ſerpent moſte hard & ſtiffe
The haue ares oꝛ Pollaxes, Pikes,
Harquebuſhes, and other kyndes of
weapons ſhewing a great bꝛaue
And ther Enſene oꝛ armes is a whi
ſnale in a black fyelde, with a
a boute it. By lyttle and lyttle
berye farre.

vi. Of the tribe of Symeon th
pꝛince of Arſat whoſe nãe is
knowen. But thei ſaye he is a
greate, groſſe, & thycke beyon
iure, with a flatte noſe, and
& his men are ſo of the ſtature of gy
antes. And leadeth wyth hym twenty
thouſand ſotemen almoſt al Alkiers.
Which are alſo ſwifte and nymbell,
that they wyl take hoꝛſes runnynge,
thei make ameruelous noyſe ſuch as
no people vſe. There Enſeigne is an
Cute in a black fielde, & haue ſoꝛ ther
poſy. Such is my gouerment.

Of